

Curiously the following statement can be found on www.winktv.com regarding the reason for the delay in broadcasting HDTV signals from the local CBS station in the Fort Myers/Naples, Florida Market:

"WINK-TV and HDTV

Updated June 16, 2004 -

Please accept our apology for our inability to broadcast CBS programming in HDTV at this time. Unfortunately, WINK-TV is still awaiting FCC approval of our DTV construction permit which we filed back in January 2003.

The FCC's approval for our DTV construction permit has been delayed with objections filed by TV stations located within, as well as adjacent to, our television market. Several of these objections have been resolved by the FCC, but the few remaining objections are still in the review process. We are confident that the remaining objections will be unsuccessful, but until then the FCC cannot approve our DTV construction permit.

Once granted approval from the FCC to begin construction of our digital transmission facilities, it is our goal to begin broadcasting HDTV programming to you within twelve months. In the meantime, we hope you will continue to enjoy watching WINK-TV's highly respected news programs and quality entertainment programs.

We value you as a viewer and thank you for your patience.

WINK-TV Management"

Why the hold-up? There is no reason for a permit application to take 18 months awaiting approval. Something is broken with the way you are processing these applications, and it needs to be addressed.